

**Minutes of the meeting of the Ickleton Allotment Association
Monday 20th November 2017**

Committee members present

Chris Demmer
Lorraine Demmer
Kathleen Woolverton
Ros Dowrick
Ray Szajewski

Others present

Stephen Woolverton
Terry Nelson
Jon Dowrick
Tim Pavelin

Apologies

Iain Livingstone
Lizzie and Hugh Molloy
John and Christina Taylor

1. Minutes of the meeting – 26th September

These were agreed.

2. Plot vacancies

Whole plots -5,8,26,34
Half plots- 2a,2b,13b

3. Treasurer's report

We have £318 credit (to year end 31st October 2017). Receipts for 2017 were £740 based on 15 full and 10 half plots which means if we have that many plots next year we should break even. This has not taken into account the two recently acquired full plots. Thank you to Terry for agreeing to audit the accounts.

4. Mowing/Strimming

We paid out over £200 in 2016 for strimming. Well done to all those who have volunteered for strimming to ensure there was no cost in 2017 (apart from the petrol). Please ensure in future to take care on boundaries as the cutter is very powerful. Dates for next year will start in the spring.

5. Advertising

Ros will contact Trevor to see how we can take the Instagram page forward as a means of promotion. The website is at present the main source of information for new recruits. This will be updated after the AGM.

6. Rats/Rabbits

Rats are still an ongoing problem with a few having been caught recently.

7. Water

Stephen turned the water off and removed the handle for the winter. Previously the cost had been £5.00 per month, but will now be £1.50 as stated above.

8. Plant/Seed/Produce Swap

As this has been so successful it will re-start in the spring.

AOB

9. Subs

It was agreed to charge £34 and £21 per whole and half plot from 1st January 2018, therefore keeping fees the same. Fees for plots taken from 1st June 2018 will be costed at 1/12th for each month, rounded up to the next pound, therefore £3 and £2 each month, ie if a plot is taken in June, the charge will be £21 per whole plot and £14 per half plot.

10. Iain and Stephen had a successful bonfire of rubbish at the end of September.

11. Seed Catalogues 2018

Orders totalled £270, gaining 17½% discount for early orders. Fruit bushes will be delivered directly to individuals in early March. Seeds and potatoes will be delivered to Lorraine who will notify us of arrival.

12. Manure/Wood Chips

Thanks to Stephen and Kathleen for assisting on the day when the manure was delivered. Chris has purchased two bottles of wine for the people who delivered three trailer loads of manure from Great Chesterford.

Thanks also to Chris who helped when a large amount of wood chips were delivered.

13. Chairperson

Thank you to Ray who agreed to be Chairman after the next AGM, proposed by Lorraine and seconded by Stephen.

14. Wheelbarrow

Ray will repair an old wheelbarrow which will be kept at the bottom of the field.

15. Perimeter Fence

It was agreed to organise a working party for February/March, date TBC depending on the weather, to insert new steel posts and re-erect the fence. The middle section will be tackled first, followed by either end.

16. Allotment Cup

Ros will email Iain re the above.

Date of AGM followed by meeting – Monday 22nd January at 8.00pm in the Ickleton Lion.